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1. USEC WELCOMES VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY CHAIRMAN ULLMAN
AND CONGRESSMAN CONABLE. WHILE IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT
THE TWO KEY SENIOR OFFICIALS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH
MTN POLICY FOR THE EC COMMISSION (VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SIR ROY DENMAN)
WILL BE ABSENT IN WASHINGTON DURING CHAIRMAN ULLMAN'S
VISIT TO BRUSSELS, WE BELIEVE VISIT WILL STILL PROVIDE
VERY TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO BE BRIEFED ON THE EC POSITION
ON MTN PROGRESS. DUTY OFFICER IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL
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FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (TULLY) HAS TOLD US HE HAS BEEN
INFORMED BY EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON OF A POSSIBLE
VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN ULLMAN. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY
CABINET OFFICERS OF PRESIDENT JENKINS AND VICE PRESIDENTS
ORTOLI AND GUNDELACH THAT, ACCORDING TO THEIR PRESENT
PLANS, THEY WILL BE IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 29-30 FOR
DISCUSSIONS WHICH CAN USEFULLY COVER MTN AS WELL AS

PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM, AND OTHER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. HE NOTED THAT MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 29 WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED AROUND REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING OF EC COMMISSION. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT JENKINS WILL ATTEND INFORMAL EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN GERMANY NOV. 28-29, BUT WE ASSUME HE COULD MEET WITH CODEL NOV. 30.

2. AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS HOPES THAT CHAIRMAN ULLMAN WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEAK TO A JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE AMERICAN CLUB OF BRUSSELS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29. THESE ARE THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CLUBS OF BRUSSELS WHICH HAS A LARGE AND IMPORTANT U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY. TO ENSURE TIMELY ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS FOR A LATE LUNCHEON DESPITE POSSIBLE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE PARTY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE GENEVA BY AIR THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29, OR POSSIBLY BY TRAIN THE EVENING OF NOV. 28. THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TIME TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS AND THE TWO VICE PRESIDENTS ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR ON THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 30, BEFORE A PROPOSED LATE MORNING DEPARTURE FOR LONDON THAT DAY. IN THE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR HINTON WHO WILL BE ATTENDING US-EC CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AND UNLESS COMMISSION OFFERS DINNER, WE PROPOSE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USEC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DENIS LAMB HOST AN INFORMAL DINNER WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, FOR MOST OF THE ULLMAN PARTY, AT HIS RESIDENCE, WITH SELECTED SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES, TO PERMIT CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OF MTN AND ECONOMIC MATTERS IN A MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE REACTIONS TO THESE SUGGESTIONS SO THAT WE CAN START MAKING TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. HINTON

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